MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say that now.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the number of the staff at the Kuttiyatodu station?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is an out-post with three constables.

Acquisition of lands for the Police Station of Kuttiyatodu.

234. * **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether lands have been acquired for constructing a larger Police Station at Kuttiyatodu; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of acquisition and the amount spent for the same?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the year 1099 at a cost of Rs. 7,050.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know in whose possession the site acquired is now?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I am not aware.

Lighting of Shertala Town.

235. * **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation from Shertala regarding the lighting of Shertala town;

(*b*) whether the people have offered to provide at their cost a number of petromax lights and pillars on condition that the Conservancy Department undertakes the costs of lighting and maintaining the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action they have taken on these representations?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The report of the Director of Public Health regarding the representation has been received and is being considered by Government.

Market for cocoanut products.

236. * **MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action subsequent to the last budget session of the Assembly in the matter of improving the market for cocoanut products?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The memorandum of the non-official members of the Sri Mulam Assembly and the Sri Chitra State Council on the need for protection of the cocoanut industry forwarded by the President of Thiruvithamcore Kera Karshaka Sanghom to the President of the Sri Mulam Assembly and Sri Chitra State Council in August 1936, has been sent to the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States, for submission to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council for favourable consideration.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the date on which the memorandum was received by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was received on the 12th August 1936.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know when it was forwarded to the Government of India?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the 14th September 1936.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government received any reply from the Government of India?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know how long this question of improving the market for cocoanut products has been engaging the attention of Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Ever since the economic depression began and the prices of cocoanut products fell.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the nature of the action taken so far?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have addressed the Government of India on two occasions and the memorial referred to has also been forwarded to them.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Apart from the correspondence with the Government of India, may I know whether this Government have taken any action in the matter of improving the market for cocoanut?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Trade Agent in Bombay is now doing good business in cocoanuts in Bombay. The price of cocoanuts has slightly risen.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether it is not due to the fall in the price of Ceylon cocoanut that the price has gone low?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government have considered the question of raising the tariff value on cocoanut products?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This Government cannot raise the tariff value. They have addressed the Government of India on the subject.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to take some other effective step in this direction?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand what other effective step can be taken. If the member will suggest other steps, Government will consider them.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government will depute some officers so that the matter may be brought home to the Government of India?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If Government consider such a step necessary they will do so.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether there is any proposal for establishing quota system for cocoanuts as in the case of rubber?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not with this Government.

Ayiroor-Nadayara road.

237. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the Ayiroor-Nadayara road in Chirayinkil taluk;
(*b*) the number of streamlets that cut across the road;
(*c*) the distance between such streamlets; and
(*d*) the estimated cost of constructing culverts in those places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(*a*) 1½ miles
(*b*) 2.
(*c*) 1 furlong.
(*d*) Rs. 3,000 approximately.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether vehicular traffic is suspended when the streamlets are overflowing with water?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I should quite imagine that it would be. But I am not aware that it is suspended because of the streamlet.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether in view of the fact that traffic will be suspended during the rainy season Government will be pleased to look into the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know how many years ago the Ayiroor-Nadayara road was constructed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why the culverts have not been constructed during all these years after the completion of the road?

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